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SITE NAME: U.S. Scrap Site, Chicago, IL

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

MAY 2008

REGION 5.....Community Involvement Plan for Emergency Response Sites

Section A: ON SCENE COORDINATOR - Please Complete (Pages 1 & 2)

Location: 12301 South Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois

Site ID #: 05Z8RV00_____

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Agency: _IEPA_____

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Agency: _CITY OF CHICAGO -

Name and Phone: CHRIS LIPMAN (312) 656-0775

Agency: _WATER RECLAM DISTRICT. Name and Phone: CAMERON WALKER

Description of the Site

The U.S. Scrap Site is located at 12301 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Site is an abandoned debarrelling facility that operated as an open dump in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It occupies approximately 6½ acres and is bordered by railroad right-of-way to the west, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago's Calumet Sewage Treatment Plant to the South and East, and S.G. Keywell, Inc., a scrap metal recycling operation to the North. The Site is located approximately 1 mile west of Lake Calumet and ½ mile northeast of the Little Calumet River. The Site is also located within one mile of residential housing.

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By correspondence dated June 28, 2005, Illinois EPA asked U.S. EPA to conduct a time-critical removal assessment and possible removal action at the Site.

U.S. EPA's Site Assessment, which occurred June 25, 2007, determined that Site soils were heavily contaminated with PCBs, chlorinated solvents, lead and cadmium.

Surface liquids sampled during U.S. EPA's Site Assessment showed high levels of vinyl chloride, benzene, ethylbenzene, 4-methyl-2-pentanone, toluene, total xylenes, bis (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, dichlorobenzene, diethyl phthalate, di-n-butylphthalate, 2-methylnaphthalene, acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, anthracene, benz(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(g,h,i)perylene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, chrysene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene, fluoranthene, fluorene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, alpha chlordane, total chlordane, gamma chlordane. Surface liquids also included several PCBs include aroclor 1242, aroclor 1254, and aroclor 1260. On January 22, 2008 U.S. EPA received an access agreement to conduct a time critical removal action at the site.

1. General Information

Directions to Site from Chicago/Region 5 or nearest Airport: 1:

Start out going SOUTH on S FEDERAL ST toward W VAN BUREN ST. Take W CONGRESS PKWY. W CONGRESS PKWY becomes I-290 W/ EISENHOWER EXPY W. Merge onto I-94 E toward INDIANA TO 130TH WEST to Ellis (first stop light), make right, turn left at railroad tracks, follow road to US SCRAP SITE.

Location of Administrative Record: 77 WEST JACKSON BLVD., RECORD CENTER, 7TH FLOOR

Location of Information Repository/Address: 12301 S. Cottage Grove- information on U.S. Scrap site available AT TRAILER ON SITE and at Web page below.

Location of POLREPs and Dates: EPAOSC.NET/TRAILER ON SITE

Date of First: FEBRUARY 22, 2008 - **Date of Last Polrep** APRIL 25, 2008

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Will site cleanup take more 120 days YES ☒ X ☐ NO ☐

Expected Cleanup to be completed _____?

FAX: Office of Public Affairs 312-353-1155 or **MAIL:** US EPA P-19J 77 West Jackson Chicago IL 60604
Voice: Office of Public Affairs: 1- 800-621-8531 9am-5pm **Beeper** 1-800-617-1064

2. Media Contacts

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Illinois Metro Area Chicago IL

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Illinois Metro Area Chicago IL

Website <http://www.gospelradio1390.com/>

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City: Oak Park State: IL

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Website <http://www.v103.com/>

3. History of Site and Area

Background Information of the Site: Near other superfund sites, proximity to residences, schools, the number of people potentially affected, etc): Historical Community Involvement (by Local, State or Fed Officials)

The U.S. Scrap Site is located at 12301 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Site is an abandoned debarrelling facility that operated as an open dump in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It occupies approximately 6 ½ acres and is bordered by railroad right-of-way to the west, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Calumet Sewage Treatment Plant to the South and East, and S.G. Keywell, Inc., a scrap metal recycling operation to the North. The Site is located approximately 1 mile west of Lake Calumet and ½ mile northeast of the Little Calumet River. The Site is also located within one mile of residential housing.

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The Illinois EPA inspected the Site in 1980, finding approximately 400 55-gallon drums of waste scattered on the surface of the site, liquid wastes stored in the eight concrete silos, scattered surficial deposits of waste, several lagoons of waste, and sludge in on-site drainage swales.

The State sued the operator, Steve Martell, citing him for illegal open dumping and refuse disposal without a permit. In September of 1980, Mr. Martell removed the surface drums, the liquids within the silos and approximately 10,000 gallons of sludge from the drainage swales.

The Site received a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score of 1.92 in 1982; but was not listed on the National Priorities List (NPL). U.S. EPA conducted a removal action in 1985, extinguishing a landfill fire by capping the affected areas with clay, and excavating and backfilling a railroad embankment, in an attempt to locate shock-sensitive chemicals. Sixty cubic yards of crushed drums and debris, one 55-gallon drum of flammable solids, one 55-gallon drum of PCBs, three 55-gallon drums of cyanide waste, 76 55-gallon drums of organic compounds, and over 120 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from the excavation areas. A special study conducted in 1987 revealed that elevated levels of many hazardous substances remained, including PCBs, pesticides, and organic solvents.

By correspondence dated June 28, 2005, Illinois EPA asked U.S. EPA to conduct a time-critical removal assessment and possible removal action at the Site.

The June 28, 2005 correspondence stated that Illinois EPA collected soil, sediment and water samples for the Site in 2004, and found that the Site still contained high levels of pesticide and semi-volatile contamination. The Illinois EPA sample results indicated elevated levels of chlordane, p,p-DDD, DDT, xylene, phenol, 2-methylphenol, 4-methylphenol, acetophenone, 2,4-Dimethylphenol, naphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene phenanthrene, anthracene, Di-n-butylphthalate, fluoranthene, pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, Di-n-octylphthalate, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, benzo(ghi)perylene and other hazardous substances.

Due to the inability to establish a clear owner of the property, U.S. EPA, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office, obtained a warrant for access to conduct a site assessment at the property. U.S. EPA's Site Assessment, which occurred June 25, 2007, determined that Site soils were heavily contaminated with PCBs, chlorinated solvents, lead and cadmium.

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On January 22, 2008, U.S. EPA received an access agreement to conduct a time critical removal action at the site. The removal action will include the following activities: installation of sheet piling between U.S. Scrap and the adjacent Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater

Chicago property; installation of interceptor trenches to remove liquid wastes pooled at or near the surface, and pumping of same; excavation and disposal (in some instances including incineration of) PCB-contaminated soils which exhibit characteristics of hazardous waste, as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 261.24; surveying for reported buried drums using geophysical techniques, as well as overpacking and disposal of any drums discovered from this survey.

4. City Officials

City Officials Contacted/Visited Yes X No _____ Dates _____

Commissioner Police/Fire Chief Name and Phone

5th District Calumet District

727 E. 111th Street

(312) 747-8210

Fax #: (312) 747-5935

Email: CAPS005District@chicagopolice.org

Commander: Terence V. Williams

Engine Company 80 and Truck 62

12701-05 Doty Ave.

Chicago, Illinois

(773) 646-4744 (Station Number)

Attn: Captain Andre Pennix

City of Chicago Department of Environment

30 N. LaSalle

Chicago, IL 60602

Kevin Schones - (312) 744-4034

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Chicago, Illinois
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Cameron Walker - (312) 751-5040

Roseland Community Hospital
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General #: (773) 995-3000
ER Unit: (773) 995-3015

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City of Chicago Department of General Services
(312) 742-3124

Linda Granderson
312-744-6133

City of Chicago
121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Comments/Concerns NONE

5. Are there Citizen Concerns?

Circle one: YES NO

Approximate Number of Citizen Calls/Visits NONE from period to
(Add comments on last page)

Citizen Groups and Names of Contacts

1. KEYWELL INDUSTRIES
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6. Congressional Interest

Names of Congressional Members/District and Phone Numbers

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The Honorable Barack Obama
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E-mail: <http://obama.senate.gov/contact/>

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United States House of Representatives
1319 Longworth House Office Building
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E-mail: https://forms.house.gov/emanuel/IMA/email_zipcheck.shtml

Congressional Interest (i.e. controls received and /or local political climate)___NONE___

Section B: Comm, Involvement Coord. (Complete pages 3 & 4)

1. Community Involvement

Visit to Community/Date: MARCH 26, 2008; May 14, 2008

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If not necessary, Why: _____

State CIC/PA Specialist _____ NONE _____ Phone _____

2. Citizen Concerns (Bullet Points)

Citizens Interviewed Date: _____ NONE _____ (How Many) _____ (Add Interview Comments on last page)

3. Environmental Justice/Brownfields/ Issues Circle one Yes No

If yes, Describe: U.S. Scrap Site, Cook County, IL. One mile radius: Population 6,338. Minority 99%, Low Income 54%. USEPA Region 5 Environmental Justice Case Criteria for the State of Illinois: Minority 64% or greater, Low Income: 54% or greater. _____

4. Information Distribution

Letters to Community/Date Sent _____ Updated _____

News Releases Issued (Date and Topic):

Fact Sheets/Leaflets Issued (Date, topic and method of Communication):

Mailing List established and updated _____

Repository Location: Trailer at Site – 12301 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, IL

Public Meetings Held _____ Date _____

Location of Public Meetings/Phone/Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

Newspaper ads: Chicago Sun Times _____ Deadline date for Ad to be placed _____
May 13, 2008, :i.e. if Sunday paper - need to have ad placed by Thurs? Media Calls/Stories
Printed/Radio Interviews/Electronic Media Aired
(Summary Of Stories/clips etc.)

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5. Conversation with Citizens (via e-mail)

Date: FEBRUARY 2008 Received by: CRAIG THOMAS

David G. Pyles, P.G./KPRG and Associates, Inc.: I read that this site had heated up and your Agency was moving back to the site for cleanup. If I can be of any help let me know as I worked that site to put out the underground landfill fire and capped the site many years ago. My contact information is below and you may also want to talk with Steve Faryan as we worked together on that project. Good luck as that is one nasty site that should have been cleanup years ago.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CIC AND OSC when cleanup is done

Summary of Site/ Closeout/ When Completed

Comments: _____